ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

PLANT SERVICES DIVISION

CITRUS GREENING

Candidatus Iberibacter spp.

DIVISION/PROGRAM:

DAO 05-11

SIGNATURE

9/21/05

EFFECTIVE DATE

1. PURPOSE

This Order is issued to mitigate an immediate risk of Citrus Greening moving into Arizona from Florida. Citrus Greening is a highly destructive disease of citrus trees caused by the bacterium *Candidatus liberibacter* spp., causing the trees to be unproductive. The disease was recently detected in Dade and Broward Counties in Florida. This Order is also issued to prevent the entry of the Asian citrus psyllid, the insect that spreads (vectors) the disease. Asian citrus psyllid is established in 31 Florida counties.

Florida nursery stock that is a host of either the disease or the vector is prohibited from by this Order from entering Arizona.

This Order takes effect when signed by the Director, and will remain in effect until revoked or until the completion of the rulemaking process.

2. AUTHORITY

A. R. S. § 3-201.01 Associate director; powers and duties

3. RESPONSIBILITY

The Associate Director, managers and supervisors shall ensure that all employees of the Plant Services Division understand and comply with this Order.

4. APPLICABILITY

This Order applies to all shipments of regulated commodities and appliances from the area under quarantine.

5. ORDER

- A. Definitions, "Pest" means:
 - 1. Citrus Greening, Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus, a bacterium
 - 2. Diaphorina citri, Asian citrus psyllid, the primary vector of Citrus Greening
- B. Area under quarantine. The entire state of Florida

- C. Regulated commodities and appliances.
 - 1. The following commodities:
 - a. All plants and plant parts, except fruit, of the genera Citrus, Eremocitrus, Fortunella, Microcitrus, and Poncirus
 - b. All plants and plant parts, except fruit of Murraya paniculata (orange jessamine), Triphasia trifolia (Limeberry), and Lycium chinense (Chinese boxthorn, Chinese wolfberry), and any other host of either Citrus Greening or Asian citrus psyllid
 - 2. Appliances. Appliances used in a citrus grove, citrus nursery, or other area to handle the regulated commodities listed in (C)(1)
- D. Restrictions. Regulated commodities and appliances from the area under quarantine area prohibited entry into Arizona.